GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3168
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NEW TELEPHONE TARIFF SCHEME
UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint that the recently introduced local call tariff scheme upto 200 kms is ineffective even for upto 90-100 kms;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken by the Government to improve the said scheme;

(d) whether various STD/PCO booth operators have submitted a representation of their demands to the Government against making STD call into local call upto a distance of 200 kms;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir. No such complaint has been received.

(b) & (c): Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Representations from STD/PCO booth operators have been received against making STD call on local dialing without `0` up to a distance of 200 Kms.

(f) Presently, STD/PCO operators are allowed to collect service charge up to Rs. 2/- on each successful STD/ISD Call. Such charge is not leviable on local calls and inter SDCA Calls charged on 180 sec. pulse rate. These orders are still valid. The representations from STD/PCO booth operators are under examination.